

Report of the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department

Type of Call	Lamoine	Ellsworth	Hancock	Franklin
Medical Assistance	3			
Station Standby		2	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	7			
Structure Fire		1	2	
Trees, wire in roadway	21			
False Alarm	2			
Wildfire	1			
Chimney Fire	3			
Service Call	1			
Search/Rescue	1			
Equipment Fire				
Totals	40	3	3	1

The call volume for the Lamoine Fire Department fell significantly compared to 2005. Of the 47 times the department was called upon for service, nearly half were during storms which caused problems with hazards in roadways. The department also responded to several motor vehicle accidents, some of which involved minor injuries. There were no fatalities during the year on accident or fire calls, but one medical assistance call did involve a fatal heart attack. The department implemented its emergency operations plan in a limited fashion during a severe windstorm in late October. Numerous reports of trees down saw our manpower and equipment deployed all over the community to set up safe zones and attempt to keep traffic lanes open. One gust of wind damaged our new rescue truck when the door hinges sustained

damage. That has since been repaired.

The department had a very successful year when it came to volunteer recruitment and fund raising. At year's end, four members were training to Firefighter I certification. Generous donations to the department came in response to our annual letter, from our annual auction and annual dinner. Several people also made donations in the memory of my father, former Chief Calvin Smith.

The fire station itself had significant work done this year. The roof was replaced; firefighter Mike Jordan was the winning bidder for that project. The equipment bay floor was painted by firefighter Mary Harney. A brand new generator has been installed at the fire house so that the building is functional during prolonged power outages. That came in very handy during the aforementioned wind storm when the power was out for over 8-hours and we were responding to service requests.

We appreciate all the support during 2006 and look forward to 2007. We'll likely hold another open house in May, our auction is planned for mid-August, and the chowder dinner will be in late October. We also plan to host the "Flash In The Pans" steel drum concert at Lamoine State Park on August 27th. We welcome new members – you don't have to want to run into burning houses to help. The department meets weekly on Thursdays at 7:00 PM at the fire station.

George "Skip" Smith, Fire Chief



Historic Note: In 1932 The Lamoine Country Club opened on July 30th. The 9-hole golf course charged a green fee of \$1.00 to play golf all day.